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## CRIME AT HIGH TIDE

Strange Superstitions That In-  
fluence Criminals.

## GHOSTLY IMPLEMENTS USED

Their Notorious Business—The Dead  
Man's Hand and the  
Corpse-Candle.

One of the most curious and strange phases of superstition is that which relates to the criminal classes. The mystic code which regulates the lives of these enemies of society is in many cases a survival of fetishism of the olden time. Believing tenaciously in the dread efficacy of certain ghostly charms and incantations, the malefactor boldly enters on his enterprise occasionally carrying with him "a dead man's hand"—taken from one who had died a violent death. Such a charm being supposed to overpower with sleep those who come under its influence, it is naturally an invaluable adjunct to the implements employed by thieves, says the Fall Mail Budget.

Some years ago an attempted robbery was made by burglars on an estate in the county Meath, and, to quote a contemporary account of the affair, "they entered the house armed with a dead man's hand, with a lighted candle in it, believing that a candle so placed will not be seen by any but those by whom it is used, and also that if a candle in a dead man's hand be introduced in a house it will prevent those who may be asleep from awakening. The inmates, however, were alarmed; the robbers fled, leaving the dead man's hand behind them."

Many similar stories are told of the use of the dead hand by thieves, one communicated by Rev. S. Harding Gould, being worthy of notice. Two men, having come to lodge in a public house with a view to robbing it, asked permission to pass the night by the fire, and obtained it. When the house was quiet, the servant girl, suspecting mischief, crept downstairs and looked through the keyhole, when she saw the men open a sack and take out a dry, withered hand. They absented the fingers with some urgency, and lighted them. Each finger flamed except the thumb, which indicated that one of the household was not asleep.

Gross gives a full account of this charm as used by French housebreakers, and a variation of the same belief prevailed in Belgium. Not far from Brussels, in West Flanders, a thief was captured on whom was found the foot of a man who had been hanged, which he used, when engaged in his robberies, for putting persons to sleep. Similar incantations are quoted from Spain and Germany, and it is noteworthy that Mexican thieves have been known to carry with them the left hand and arm of a woman who died at the birth of her first child.

Then there is the corpse-candle, a weird implement of the robber's trade, which, although common throughout Europe, seems to have been more general in Germany than any other country. Not so long ago, it may be remembered, four peasants in the south Russian government of Krim murdered a girl in order to make candles of her body, the notion being that such a hideous light not only renders the perpetrators of robberies invisible, but actually throws the victim or victims into a state of somnolence. In the German criminal codes of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries we find express mention made of penalties against a crime the motive of which was the making of "thief's" or "sleep-producing" candles. This superstition has figured in many a trial, and seems to be even to the present day, implicitly believed in by the criminal classes. Indeed, it was suggested that the White-chapel murders were instigated by this idea—a theory which the celebrated Dr. Bloch, a member of the Austrian criminal code, was induced to support. An instance of this piece of criminal lore occurred during the trial of the German thief, Theodor Unger, who was executed at Magdeburg in 1844, when it was brought out in evidence that in regular traffic existed for the supply of these gruesome implements of the burglar's trade. But, instead of making the criminal invisible, this grim light has more than once done the reverse, and caused him to be brought to justice.

## WHITE WINGS NO MORE.

Prospect of Killing from Cape Horn to  
Cape Town by Continuous Rail.

It adds something to the rest of life—if one has a healthy and active fancy—to reflect that there are people over living who may travel by continuous rail from Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope. The plan of a "pan-American" railway to connect the South American systems, with the systems of Mexico and the United States, is already well advanced. There are, says the Review of Railways, to be roads from the Canadian Pacific away up to the Pecos river and Mesquero valley, and it is not very hard to believe that these may ultimately be extended across the Rockies to the Ute valley in Alaska, and continued finally to the narrow and shallow Hebrides straits, across which a connection would be made with the

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suburban road. Continuous rail travel from Siberia to Constantinople will soon have become an accomplished fact, and the link from Constantinople to Egypt may be expected quite soon. At the present rate of development in Africa the construction of a road from Egypt to the Cape ought to be realized within twenty-five years. The channel tunnel will, of course, have been built, and electricity or some other more powerful motive force will have superseded steam, so that the Californians and Puget sound denizens would naturally go to London by fast Alaskan and Siberian express. If they thought they might return by steamship, making the passage in two or three days from the west coast of Ireland to Labrador or Halifax. In view of all that has been done in the past twenty-five years such further development of traveling facilities is easily within the realm of sober prediction.

## ICELAND A DESERT.

Interior of the Country a Howling Waste of Sand and Ice.

Iceland is little better than a desert. The peculiar configuration renders intercourse difficult, and, along with the barrenness of the soil, makes the conditions of existence strangely hard. People with so little to make life attractive might be pardoned if they were to sink into a stolid indifference to everything, but the struggle to keep alive, says the Atlantic.

The size of Iceland is greater than that of Ireland, and the population is only one-tenth that of the latter. The only inhabitable portion is a narrow strip of pasture land extending like a green girdle round the coast and up the deep, narrow fjords. The interior of the country is a howling waste of sand and ice, traversed by darting glacial rivers and utterly incapable of supporting more than a few scattered inhabitants. Grass is the only considerable crop. The hills and valleys are treeless and afford at best but scanty pasturage for horses, cows and sheep. Roads and bridges scarcely exist.

A Danish merchant at Reykjavik has a wheeled carriage, but in the interior such a conveyance is unknown and would be useless if known. The backs of horses are the only means of transportation across country. Small boats carry travelers over dangerous rivers, while the horses swim on ahead. Hardly anything that ministers to comfort, to say nothing of luxury, is produced in Iceland. Every nail in an Icelandic house, every pane of glass, every bit of wooden flooring, every insignificant bit of furniture, has to be transported laboriously from one of the seaports to its destination.

That the Icelanders are poor goes without saying. There is little or no home market, for every Icelandic has the same products to sell as his neighbor. The circulation of money is, therefore, very small. If a farmer has direct dealings with the agents for foreign markets, and is sufficiently prosperous to have a little surplus each year, he may handle a little money, but in general the trading at the seaports is literally trading. An Icelandic barter a certain number of horses or sheep or loads of dried fish or bales of hay for a supply of groceries and other necessities of life.

## A WATCH THAT TALKS.

It is No Made That It Speaks the Hours Instead of Striking Them.

It is said a watchmaker of Geneva, Switzerland, has just completed a watch which, instead of striking the hours and quarters, announces them by speaking like the phonograph. The mechanism of the watch is based on phonographic conditions, the bottom of the case containing a phonographic sensitive plate which has received the impression of the human voice before being inserted in the watch. The clock, according to the Jeweler's Circular, has forty-eight concentric grooves, of which twelve repeat the hours, twelve those of the hours and quarters, and twelve more those of the hours and second and third quarters. If the hand on the dial shows the time to be 12:15 o'clock, one of the fine needle points of the mechanism crosses the corresponding groove and the disk, which turns simultaneously, calls out the time, just as the phonographic cylinder. The lower lid of the case is provided with a tiny mouthpiece, and when the watch is held to the ear the sound is all the more plain.

## The Food of Hummingbirds.

Dr. Morris Gibbs contributes to Science an interesting paper on the food of hummingbirds. He has carefully dissected many hummingbirds, both old and young, but has never found anything to convince him that the birds live on insects. It may be that at times, when flowers are scarce, some species of insects are captured, but Dr. Gibbs is satisfied that in season, when flowers are abundant, the ruby-throated of Michigan lives on honey.

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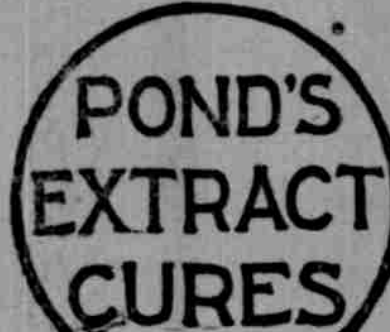


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